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For: Silicon/Silicon Carbide Composite and

Process for Manufacturing the Same

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 7, 2003, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-5 and 18-19, for prosecution in the subject application.

Upon allowance of the elected claims, Applicants will be permitted to request rejoinder in accordance with MPEP 821.04 and In re Ochiai, 71 F.3d 1565 USPQ2d 1127 (Fed. Cir. 1995) of method claims 6-17 and 20-29.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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